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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE STUDENT DEPORTATION CASE IN LOS ANGELES

FOR AMBASSADOR

REF: (A) STATE 275533; (B) SAIGON 15639

1. THIS WILL CONFIRM THAT WE WILL PROVIDE YOU IN ADVANCE WITH DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS CASE FOR YOUR COMMENT; AS AGREED WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB IN HONOLULU.

2. EVIDENTIARY MATERIAL SUBMITTED BY RESPONDENTS IN THIS CASE CONSISTS OF FOLLOWING:

A. TRANSCRIPTS OF INS INVESTIGATORS' INTERVIEWS WITH EACH STUDENT IN 1973. PORTIONS OF INTERVIEWS DEALT WITH WHY STUDENTS DID NOT WISHTO RETURN TO RVN AND THEIR CONVICTION THEY WOULD BE PERSECUTED UPON RETURN.

B. DOSSIERS SUBMITTED BY EACH STUDENT TO SUPPORT
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CLAIMS THAT OPPRESSION OF DISIDENTS IN RVN IS SEVERE AND

ALL-PERVASIVE. EACH DOSSIER CONTAINS (1) FORMAL STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY STUDENT HAD CHANGE OF HEART AND BEGAN TO ENGAGE IN ANTI-WAR ACTIVITIES AND AFFIRMING BELIEF HE OR

SHE WOULD BE PERSECUTED UPON RETURN; AND (2) 92 RPT 92 SUPPORTING EXHIBITS CONSISTING OF COPIES OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, PAMPHLETS, CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY DON LUCE, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS. (FORMAL STATEMENTS DIFFER FOR EACH STUDENT; 92 EXHIBITS IDENTICAL FOR ALL DOSSIERS. DEPARTMENT IS POUCHING COPY OF TABLE OF CONTENTS OF THE 92 EXHIBITS.)

C. DOSSIERS SUBMITTED BY EACH STUDENT DESCRIBING HIS OR HER ANTI-WAR ACTIVITIES HERE. EACH DOSSIER CONTAINS (1) CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIVITIES AND (2) EXHIBITS CONSISTING OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, HANDBILLS AND LEAFLETS WHICH REPORT OR DESCRIBE THESE ACTIVITIES. EACH DOSSIER IS DIFFERENT. WITH ONE EXCEPTION, STUDENTS DID NOT ENGAGE IN ANTI-WAR ACTIVITIES UNTIL APRIL 22, 1972, LESS THAN TWO MONTHS BEFORE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.

D. TRANSCRIPTS OF PARTS OF HEARINGS. PORTIONS WERE STILL NOT TRANSCRIBED AND WERE THEREFORE UNAVAILABLE WHEN PETERS AND JAMESON VISITED L.A. HEARINGS LASTED OVER TWENTY FOUR COURTROOM HOURS BEFORE DEFENSE RESTED.

E. OTHER DOCUMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) ONE STUDENT'S RECOUNTING OF EXCHANGE WITH GVN CONSUL GENERAL SAN FRANCISCO IN LATE 1973 IN WHICH LATTER ALLEGEDLY ACCUSED STUDENT OF HELPING COMMUNISTS.

(2) LETTER FROM CONSUL GENERAL SAN FRANCISCO TO A NATIONAL DEPUTY IN SAIGON (COPIES SENT FOMIN SAIGON AND AMBASSADOR PHUONG WASHINGTON) NOTING THAT ONE STUDENT ACTIVE IN ANTI-WAR EFFORTS.

(3) INTERVIEW WITH FR. CHAN TIN IN SAIGON, IN WHICH HE REPORTEDLY SAYS STUDENTS CERTAIN TO BE PERSECUTED UPON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RETURN.

(4) LETTER FROM ONE STUDENT'S SISTER REPORTING THAT IN 1972 GVN AUTHORITIES IN HUE ROUNDED UP QUOTE SUSPECTED PERSONS UNQUOTE AS COMMUNIST TROOPS ADVANCED THROUGH QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

3. TOTAL VOLUME OF ABOVE MATERIAL EXCEEDS 500 PAGES, AND

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